Prices of Rice, Ragi, Jola and Wheat

Q.—776. Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA (Sagar-Hosanagar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the index of prices of rice, ragi, jola and wheat from January 1956 up-to-date, recorded in the markets of the State every month ;

(*b*) what was the price fixed by the Government for the above foodgrains during the last harvest ;

(*c*) whether they have purchased any foodgrains during the current year to maintain a buffer stock ;

(*d*) whether they have taken any steps to check the growing increase in the price of foodgrains ?

A.— Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Finance).—

(*a*) A statement showing the free market prices of rice, ragi, jola and wheat in Bangalore since January 1956 is appended below.

(*b*) No price was fixed by Government during the last harvest.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) "The Price Stabilisation Scheme for Rice" formulated by the Government of India is being made use of in the Mysore State also to check the increase in the price of rice.

Statement showing the free market prices of rice, ragi and jola in Bangalore since January 1956 (price per palla).

Bangalore	Rice		Ragi	Jola	Wheat
	I	II			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
January 1956 (16-1-56)	50 to 67	33 to 40	17 to 22	20 to 25	41 0 to 46 0
February ,, (11-2-56)	44 to 67	31 to 40	17 to 22	20 to 25	46 8 to 47 12
March ,, (10-3-56)	50 to 67	36 to 44	17 to 22	20 to 25	46 8 to 47 12
April ,, (14-4-56)	57 to 73	40 to 50	20 to 24	20 to 22	43 4 to 47 12
May ,, (19-5-56)	57 to 73	44 to 50	20 to 24	20 to 24	Do
June ,, (16-6-56)	57 to 73	40 to 50	25 to 29	29 to 33	Do
July ,, (14-7-56)	60 to 70	50 to 58	26½ to 28	34 to 38	Do
August ,, (11-8-56)	61 to 74	50 to 60	27 to 29	34 to 38	Do
September ,, (10-9-56)	64 to 72	58 to 62	29 to 32	34 to 38	Do

State Cotton Committee Election results.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Chair desires to announce that for the election of a member to the State Cotton Committee notice of only one nomination had been received till the last hour fixed for this purpose and I therefore declare Sri A. Bheemappa Naik duly elected to the Committee.

Papers Laid on the Table

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Finance).—Sir, I present the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the Appropriation Accounts 1952-53 and 1953-54 and Audit Reports 1954 and 1955 and Finance Accounts 1952-53, 1953-54 and Audit Reports 1953 and 1954.

Sir, I beg to lay on the table the copy of the Finance Accounts 1954-55 and the Audit Report 1955.

Statement by Minister re. Food Position in the State

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Finance).—Sir, with your permission I would like to make a